

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a range-dyed treated fabric article comprising the steps of
 - a) providing a fabric in its greige state, wherein said fabric has a first face and a second face, wherein each face has surface fibers located therein;
 - b) immobilizing at least a portion of said surface fibers of said greige fabric in a temporary coating matrix;
 - c) treating said fabric of step "b" by a process selected from the group consisting of sanding, abrading, sueding, and any combination thereof;
 - d) subsequently removing said temporary coating matrix from said treated fabric; and
 - e) range-dyeing at least a portion of said fabric;wherein said mechanically finished face exhibits a directionality measurement in appearance and under a light source selected from the group consisting of incandescent light, fluorescent light, and simulated sunlight, of at most 1.75 as measured at both 20° and 45° detection angles in relation to a gloss angle.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said fabric is comprised of yarns selected from the group consisting of natural fibers, synthetic fibers, and any blends thereof.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said fabric is comprised of a blend of natural and synthetic fibers.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 3 wherein said fabric is comprised of a blend of cotton and polyester fibers.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said range-dyeing step is a thermosol process.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 2 wherein said range-dyeing step is a thermosol process.
7. (Original) The method of Claim 3 wherein said range-dyeing step is a thermosol process.
8. (Original) The method of Claim 4 wherein said range-dyeing step is a thermosol process.